

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled).

2. (Currently Amended) A portable lamp assembly, comprising:

multiple twin tube PL fluorescent lamps;

multiple switches coupled to the multiple twin tube PL fluorescent lamps, respectively, wherein the multiple switches control the multiple PL fluorescent lamps independently;

ballast circuitry configured to generate regulated power, wherein the regulated power is selectively provided to the multiple fluorescent lamps by the multiple switches wherein the ballast circuitry is a solid state ballast circuitry that includes at least one pair of oscillating transistors that are adapted to provide regulated power to start and operate the multiple twin tube PL fluorescent lamps including multiple twin tube PL lamps with integral starters;

a housing that defines a gripping surface to permit a user to hold the lamp assembly and the lamp cavity and wherein the housing further defines a space interior to the gripping surface which is sized to securely receive and retain the ballast circuitry and wherein the lamp cavity receives the plurality of multiple twin tube PL fluorescent lamps and wherein the multiple switches are interposed between the gripping surface and the lamp cavity such that the user can activate the switches while holding the gripping surface.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) The lamp assembly of Claim 2, wherein the ballast circuitry comprises:

a full wave rectifier;

a bi-directional diode; and

a pair of transistors that alternately conduct to generate the regulated power.

5. (Previously Presented) The lamp assembly of Claim 2, further comprising a housing with a handle, wherein the handle encloses a circuit board for mounting and interconnecting components in the ballast circuitry.

6. (Previously Presented) The lamp assembly of Claim 5, wherein the multiple switches are interposed between the circuit board and the multiple fluorescent lamps.

7. (Previously Presented) The lamp assembly of Claim 2, further comprising a hook configured to hang the hand-held fluorescent lamp assembly from other objects.

8. (Currently Amended) The lamp assembly of Claim [[13]] 2, wherein the multiple switches are two-pole electrical switches.

9. (New). The assembly of Claim 2, wherein the multiple twin tube PL fluorescent lamps comprise two twin tube PL fluorescent lamps and the at least one pair of oscillating transistors comprises multiple pairs of oscillating transistors for each of the two twin tube PL fluorescent lamps.

10. (New). A portable lamp assembly comprising:

a pair of twin tube PL fluorescent lamps;

a switch assembly coupled to the multiple twin tube PL fluorescent lamps, respectively, wherein the switch assembly controls the multiple PL fluorescent lamps independently;

ballast circuitry configured to generate regulated power, wherein the regulated power is selectively provided to the multiple fluorescent lamps by the multiple switches wherein the ballast circuitry is a solid state ballast circuitry that includes at least one pair of oscillating transistors that are adapted to provide regulated power to start and operate the multiple twin tube PL fluorescent lamps including multiple twin tube PL lamps with integral starters;

a housing that defines a gripping surface to permit a user to hold the lamp assembly and the lamp cavity and wherein the housing further defines a space interior to the gripping surface which is sized to securely receive and retain the ballast circuitry and wherein the lamp cavity receives the plurality of multiple twin tube PL fluorescent lamps and wherein the switch assembly is positioned adjacent the gripping surface such that the user can activate the switches while holding the gripping surface.

11. (New). The assembly of Claim 10, wherein the multiple twin tube PL fluorescent lamps comprise two twin tube PL fluorescent lamps and the at least one pair of oscillating

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transistors comprises multiple pairs of oscillating transistors for each of the two twin tube PL fluorescent lamps.

12. (New). The lamp assembly of claim 10, wherein the ballast circuitry comprises:
a full wave rectifier; and
a bi-directional diode.

13. (New). The lamp assembly of Claim 10, wherein the switch assembly comprises multiple switches.

14. (New). The lamp assembly of Claim 10 further comprising a housing with a handle, wherein the handle encloses a circuit board for mounting and interconnecting components in the ballast circuitry.